GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3453
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INVOLVEMENT OF NISTAD BANKURA IN REVIVING DECAYING CRAFT
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware about a fact that NISTAD (Bankura, WB) was engaged in reviving decaying craft and is also of immense help to the artisan of Bankura & adjacent areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government are considering the recommendation of Advisory Committee to allow Bankura centre under CSIR at least two years for completion of its ongoing projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that all the projects are sponsored and there is hardly and financial liability of CSIR to continue activities at Bankura; and

(e) if so, steps taken by the Government if any in reconsidering the decision?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Yes Sir, twenty years ago in 1982, CSIR had set up a field station at Bankura to help the local artisans in enhancing their productivity through S&T intervention. The S&T inputs have helped the local artisans to revive the traditional dokra craft and in improving rural artisanal skills/ productivity.

(b)&(c) No Sir, no such Committee has been constituted by the Union Government including CSIR. However,as per information available, the West Bengal Government in 1996 had set up a State level Advisory Committee on the Project on Village Artisans and Science at Bankura which has not met for the past two years.

(d) No Sir, CSIR has contributed a major share of overall expenses in running the field station.

(e) Does not arise.